Railway crossings in Orissa

545. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many railway crossings are there in different parts of Orissa on national highways and State highways, especially in East Coast Railway zone and South East Central zone coming under Orissa State;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to build under/over bridges on these highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There are nine level crossings on National Highways and 21 level crossings on State Highways in the State of Orissa, on East Coast and South East Central Zones..

(b) and (c) Out of 30 level crossings on National/State Highways in the State of Orissa, five Level Crossings—three on National Highways and two on State Highways, have been sanctioned for replacement by Road Over Bridges (ROBs). Further, National Highway Authority of India has initiated proposal to construct Road Over Bridge in lieu of Level Crossing No. 268 falling on National Highway No. 200.

Luxury trains

546. SHRI S.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to run six luxury trains on the pattern of Palace on Wheels, to woo tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in view of the Orissa being the heritage center of the country, whether Government also propose to run such a train on the ECoR system, to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Railways runs luxury tourist trains *viz.*